

Tajuk : UNIMAS Among Top 10 Universities In Country.

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KUCHING: Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) at Kota Samarahan near here is progressing well with an annual increase in student intake.

This was disclosed by its Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Dr Mohamad Kadim Suaidi during a media conference held at the university yesterday.

Professor Kadim said that for the September 2013/2014 intake of new students, the university received around 49,000 applications and sent out 4,450 offer letters.

Present to register themselves at Cempaka College of the university yesterday were around 4,000 new students.

"Some 1,600 had already reported to their respective colleges on campus. Out of the approximately 4,000 students who received the university's offer, 63 per cent are females.

"About 1,500 of them chose the Science & Technology field which involves four of our facul-

ties, namely Faculty of Medicine and Health Science, Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology and Faculty of Science and Resource Technology.

"About 2,500 of them chose the Social Science, Management and Arts field involving four of our faculties, namely Faculty of Social Science, Faculty of Economics and Business, Faculty of Cognitive Science and Human Development and Faculty of Creative and Applied Arts," he said.

He added there were 450 students for post-graduate studies in Master and Doctorate in Philosophy (PhD) programmes with 230 already reported themselves yesterday.

As for international students, he said there were 85 of them, mostly from developing countries. The government, he pointed out, encouraged the intake of international students and UNIMAS has always readied some 500 seats for them but they could only enrol in seven of the university's faculties excluding the Faculty of Medicine



PROFESSOR Kadim (2nd right) during the media conference.

and Health Science which is only for Malaysian students.

Professor Kadim also said that the university will soon have a total student enrollment of 16,000.

It has already surpassed the target of 15,000 by 2015, this year.

"This is something we are

happy and proud of. It shows that UNIMAS has become the choice university for students in Malaysia," he said, adding that UNIMAS is now ranked seventh among universities in the country and ranked 180th among universities in Asia.

He said yesterday was the beginning of the university's Students Welcome Week with 1 to 2 September for registration while from 3 to 7 September various programmes and activities will be held to help the students prepare life on the campus.

"The programmes throughout the week will include The Student Pledge to be held on 6 September at 8.15am, Freshmen Scholarly Night on 6 September at 8.30pm and Family Cultural Night on 7 September at 8.30pm," he said.